

Manager's Substitute Amendment

AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 682

To provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Providing Appropriate
5 Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations
6 with ASEAN Act” or the “PARTNER with ASEAN Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY ON DEEPENING COOPERATION WITH ASEAN.**
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9 It is the policy of the United States—

1 (1) to reaffirm the United States-ASEAN Com-
2 prehensive Strategic Partnership, established in
3 2022 following 45 years of Dialogue Partnership;

4 (2) to enhance United States-ASEAN coopera-
5 tion in support of an open, transparent, resilient, in-
6 clusive and rules-based regional architecture in the
7 Indo-Pacific;

8 (3) to support regular, high-level United States
9 official engagement with ASEAN, including the par-
10 ticipation in the annual ASEAN Summit held each
11 year;

12 (4) to enhance cooperation with ASEAN mem-
13 ber states, as appropriate, as well as with the insti-
14 tution of ASEAN and the ASEAN Secretariat, in-
15 cluding through the United States Mission to
16 ASEAN, led by the United States Ambassador to
17 ASEAN; and

18 (5) to welcome the decision in-principle by
19 ASEAN to admit Timor-Leste to be ASEAN's 11th
20 member state and to encourage United States sup-
21 port to Timor-Leste in its capacity as an official
22 ASEAN observer.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF**
2 **AN ASEAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED**
3 **STATES.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) it is in the United States interest to encour-
6 age the establishment, at the earliest opportunity, of
7 an ASEAN delegation to the United States, to en-
8 hance cooperation between ASEAN and the United
9 States at all levels; and

10 (2) the establishment of an ASEAN center in
11 the United States would support United States eco-
12 nomic and cultural engagement with Southeast Asia.

13 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITIES TO THE**
14 **ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NA-**
15 **TIONS.**

16 The provisions of the International Organizations Im-
17 munities Act (22 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) may be extended to
18 the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in the same
19 manner, to the same extent, and subject to the same con-
20 ditions as such provisions may be extended to a public
21 international organization in which the United States par-
22 ticipates pursuant to any treaty or under the authority
23 of any Act of Congress authorizing such participation or
24 making an appropriation for such participation.